

MECHANICAL BOOKKEEPER

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od. Then, too, there is no possibility of an error as the machine cannot make a mistake. The saving in this means something to the patrons of the Bank for this time can be devoted to the improvement of the already excellent service which the First State Bank of Alma, Mich., is now giving to its patrons.

The Bank is also using the machine in connection with its recently adopted system of sending out monthly statements.

The statements are written entirely on the machine which means absolute accuracy and printed figures. The big feature of course is that the customer will no longer have to wait for his pass book to be balanced.

Heretofore if a customer wanted a statement of his account in the middle of the month, he would be compelled to wait until the clerk went through the ledger from the first of the month—made a list of checks and deposits—listed each check and deposit and added each check and deposit and added each list and then subtract to get a balance or an overdraft.

With the new add-subtracting machine in use the customer's account is balanced daily. Each day the statements are taken out of the binder—put into the machine and checks and deposits listed—a total taken and the balance carried forward ready for the next day's posting. Now when a customer wants a statement at any time all the clerk has to do is go to the ledger and take off the last figures posted which will be a statement of the customers' account right up-to-date.

The officers of the First State Bank will be pleased to show the machine in operation at any time.

VANLEUVEN REUNION

Held in This City Sunday August 16 at Home of Mrs. D. McCarty

The fifth annual Van Leuvan family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. D. M. McCarty on Park avenue, Sunday, August 16th. This reunion which always comes on the fixed date, was the highest ever held, thirty-seven relatives being present. Ample supplies for the dinner were brought and a fine time was enjoyed by all.

Among those present from out of the city were Mr. E. Van Leuvan, the Mt. Pleasant banker, and his wife; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. La Paugh of Elwell, and child; Mr. and Mrs. William La Paugh of Elwell; Warren Van Leuvan, wife and four children of Vestaburg; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Adams of Elm Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Carnahan of St. Louis, and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howe of Elm Hall and three children, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Walker and four children of Crystal Lake.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Mr. Henry Mosely, a student at the College, was in the city last Sunday.

John Taft, the man from Alma, who has been living in the county jail at Ithaca, awaiting sentence for his misdemeanors which he committed on the Fourth of July succeeded in saving his way out of jail last week Tuesday. Where he got the saws is not known. He has not been recaptured at this writing.

Roy Phillips, a 1914 graduate of the college, and his wife spent a few days in Alma the last part of last week visiting friends. Though he was offered an excellent position as a teacher in the Traverse City high school, he has accepted a better one at Grosse Pointe. For the coming year he will have charge of the physical training and playgrounds which have been established by wealthy Detroit club women. Roy Campbell has held the position during the past summer.

ALMA CITY SCHOOLS.

The Alma city schools will open for the ensuing year Tuesday, Sept. 1. Supt. Schultz will be at the high school building on the afternoons of Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 27, 28, and 29, for the purpose of consulting pupils and parents regarding classification and general school matters. Non-resident students who desire to enter the high school, should bring with them their eighth grade diplomas or the credits from the school last attended.

PNEUMONIA

left me with a frightful cough and very weak. I had spells when I could hardly breathe or speak for 10 to 20 minutes. My doctor could not help me, but I was completely cured by

DR. KING'S New Discovery

Mrs. J. E. Cox, Joliet, Ill.

50c and \$1.00 at all druggists.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Alma, Mich., Aug. 18, 1914.

The common council of the city of Alma, Mich., in session at council rooms on Tuesday, August 18, as provided by statute. The mayor's call and copy of notice served on file in clerk's office with affidavit of service.

The council was called to order by the Mayor, Hon. Albert P. Cook. Present, Aids. Willard, Race, Ogden, Ward and Fraker. There being a quorum present, the council was declared to be in session. The Journals of the preceding sessions were read and approved. On motion of Ald. Ward, supported by Ald. Willard, that the petition for arc light at corner of Gratiot avenue and East End streets be referred to the Electric Light committee. Motion carried. On motion of Ald. Ward, supported by Ald. Race, that the petition for water mains on West Center street from Grant Avenue to Park avenue be referred to the water board. Motion carried.

On motion of Ald. Ward, supported by Ald. Fraker, that the council accept the resignation of Ald. G. H. Perry as alderman of the First ward. Motion carried. Mayor Cook appoints Frank L. McConkey as alderman from the First ward to fill vacancy. On motion the appointment was confirmed.

Ald. Kehn appears.

On motion of Ald. Ogden, supported by Ald. Ward, that the committee on streets be instructed to purchase plank and paint River bridge on East Superior street. Motion carried. On motion of Ald. Ward, supported by Ald. Fraker, that the mayor be instructed to notify the Alma Grain and Lumber Co. to remove the electric light pole on East Superior street River bridge. Motion carried.

On motion of Ald. Ward, supported by Ald. Ogden, that there should be four inspectors for primary election. Motion carried.

On motion of Ald. Ward, supported by Ald. Race, that the Bridge street sewer be extended south of Michigan avenue about 300 feet with 12-inch tile. Motion carried.

On motion of Ald. Kehn, supported by Ald. Ogden, that the committee on streets formulate rules relative to driving automobiles. Motion carried.

On motion of Ald. Kehn, supported by Ald. Ward, that Oscar Webber be granted 15 days' vacation from Sept. 1st without loss of time, which vote was as follows: Yeas, Aids. Ogden and Kehn; Nays, Aids. Willard, Race, Ward, Fraker. Motion lost.

On motion of Ald. Ogden, supported by Ald. Fraker, that the claim of Gratiot County Gas Co. be referred to the committee on claims. Motion carried. On motion of Ald. Ward, supported by Ald. Ogden, that the following claims be allowed at footing and the clerk be instructed to issue orders for the same, which vote was as follows: Yeas—Aids. Willard, Race, Ogden, Ward, Kehn and Fraker.

General Fund.

The W. J. Sherman Co., sewer map	\$800.00
Alma Grain & Lumber Co., lights	172.47
Alma Grain & Lumber Co., city hall	15.36
Detroit Trust Co., lights	53.76
Home Lumber & Fuel Co., bill	65.50
Bird Tucker, bill	.90
Lee Lybolt, bill	8.65
N. E. Sand, gravel	5.00
Olie Warden, bill	12.20
D. L. Johnson, board of review	18.00
A. P. Cook, Board of Review	18.00
John H. Parrish, bill	50.00
Abe Mathews, labor on sewer	\$ 1.50
Ray Amon, labor on sewer	1.00
August Arndt, labor on sewer	22.00
John Blank, labor on sewer	24.00
Joe Askey, labor on sewer	22.00
E. Closs, labor on sewer	2.00
E. Tingley, labor on sewer	24.00
E. Groves, labor on sewer	24.00
C. Morgan, labor on sewer	23.00
Milton Dallas, labor on sewer	21.00
Joe Ray, labor on sewer	22.00
Chas. Corbett, labor on sewer	8.00
O. Atkinson, labor on sewer	22.50
Ed. Campbell, labor on sewer	14.10
W. M. Sanburn, labor on sewer	20.00
C. Conklin, labor on sewer	2.00
F. Soper, labor on sewer	4.00
H. J. Voller, labor on sewer	30.00
F. Wheeler, labor on sewer	10.00
C. Mink, labor on sewer	4.00
Earl Campbell, labor on sewer	3.00
Andy Labontz, labor on sewer	4.00
N. Wheeler, labor on sewer	2.00
W. T. Switzer, labor on sewer	2.00

Highway Fund.

Chas. Williams, sidewalk	\$1,123.01
Beach Mfg. Co., bill	14.00
McDermott & Cooper, estimate	7,562.65
Alma Standard Foundry Mfg. Co., bill	51.73
J. Barney, labor	\$105.33
D. Dyer, labor	4.00
Joe Lutz, labor	74.66
Otis Wilber, labor	28.00
Ed. Garner, labor	8.00
Chas. Bartles, labor	3.00
James DeRushia, labor	14.66
F. Robinson, labor	9.33
R. J. Fraker, labor	12.50
C. G. Morgan, labor	3.50
Frank Soper, labor	2.00
Chester Conklin, labor	9.80
Abe Eckert, labor	24.00

Water Fund.

Alma Grain & Lumber Co., water	\$225.00
McLoughlin, painting hydrants	11.50
Cemetery Fund.	
H. Carter, labor	\$21.00
Home Lumber & Fuel Co., bill	3.05
Park Fund.	
Alma Grain & Lumber Co., bill	\$9.24

On motion of Ald. Ward, supported by Ald. Ogden, the council adjourned.

D. W. ADAMS, City Clerk.

ALBERT P. COOK, Mayor.

BASE BALL GAME

Two pitchers from the University of Michigan faced each other last Friday in the last home game of the local Hub League season and Alma proceeded to put a crimp in the sails of the Mt. Pleasant leaders by defeating them 8 to 7 and incidentally jumping to within a half game of the league leadership. Baribeau was on the mound for the locals, and twirling his sixth game in eleven days was not as effective as he otherwise would have been, yielding ten safe hits for 13 bases, but kept them so well scattered that, except for errors after two men were out in three different innings would have been found for only three runs.

Alma secured only three hits off of McNamara, but these coming with a couple walks and two errors gave Alma six runs in the fourth and drove McNamara from the box. Nelson went to his relief and held the locals scoreless from the fourth session on. Alma's other two runs came in the first inning when she took advantage of two walks and an error.

An error and two hits gave the leaders two in the first. In the fifth McNamara's double and Hoolihan's home run, two more counted. In the seventh, with two down, Helmar was safe on Baribeau's wild heave and two hits sent him to the counting station. In the eighth, with one down, Mt. Pleasant filled the sacks, and with the heavy end of the batting list up, things looked black for the locals. Ground's hit what ordinarily would have been a triple, but a "bonehead play" by McNamara, who was on first, saved the game for Alma and made the hit go for a single. In passing second base he failed to touch second, a duplicate of the famous Merkel "bonehead," which lost the Giants a pennant in 1908, and the act was taken in by the umpire and Second Basemen Rogers of the local team. When the ball was played Rogers touched it to the second sack and McNamara was out, only two runs counting, giving Mt. Pleasant, 7. In the ninth they died easy. Lane, Wiseman and Rogers played excellently in the field.

Batteries: McNamara, Nelson and Kelsey and Helmar; Baribeau and Hoyt. Umpires—McPhee and McCready.

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

TOBACCO SALESMEN WANTED—Earn \$100 monthly. Expenses. Experience unnecessary. Advertise and take orders from merchants for Smoking and Chewing Tobacco, Cigarettes, Cigars, etc. Send a 2-cent stamp for full particulars. Hemet Tobacco Co., New York, N. Y. 1848110

FRESH BLACKBERRIES FOR SALE 8 to 10 cents per quart—1-2 mile east and one mile north of Cedar Lake. Order two or three days ahead. Phone or write H. M. Adams. Phone Edmore or write Vestaburg, Mich., R. R. 2.

FOR SALE—A good bedroom suite, a first class hard coal burner, a leather lounge, and two rocking chairs. Inquire of Mrs. Howard Willard. 1849-11

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—Five farms. Will sell for small payment down, balance on easy terms; or will exchange for anything you may have that I can use. Call Charles Sullivan, four miles south of Elwell or address Alma, Mich., R. F. D. No. 1. 184912

FOTND—A Presto-Light tank. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for this notice. 175813

FOR SALE—Seed wheat. Enquire at Woodbine farm of Robert N. Ross. 1848 14

FOR SALE—One good work horse. Inquire of F. L. McConkey, 523 Gratiot Avenue. 184812

FOR SALE—One hundred Canterbury-bell plants for \$1.00, or 15 c. per doz. J. Pardee, Eastside Greenhouse, 716 E. Superior St.

WANTED—A married man to work on farm by year. House furnished. Good position for one willing to work. Enquire of John Morton, Bell Telephone. 184912

FOR SALE—for a short time only, wood beach and maple slab, cooking or furnace purposes at \$2.25 per cord. 215 West Superior St. Both phones. J. Barney 1849 12

FOR SALE—A family horse. Call on C. F. Gossett, 521 Highland Avenue, Alma Mich. 184813

FURNISHED—Rooms for light house-keeping. 622 West Mechanic Street. 184911

FOR SALE—A nice beautiful home on St. Louis road, six room house all nicely finished in interior, newly painted on exterior, a good well and drain in kitchen. Two acres of dark loamy soil, a barn, buggyshed, woodshed, a good cellar, hen house, nearly 100 fruit trees partly bearing, all kinds of small fruit. Just the spot for a truck garden or fruit farm, between two good markets. Price reasonable and a bargain. Also a good horse for sale. J. M. Wallace, St. Louis, Mich.

The Miller Shoe Stock MUST BE SOLD REGARDLESS OF COST

To the People of Gratiot County:

Last week D. E. Brackett, who for twenty years was engaged in the retail business at Lansing, purchased from J. L. Miller such of his stock of shoes as he thought the trade would appreciate. The balance of the stock has been moved from the city.

Mr. Brackett intends to make Alma his home, and as soon as possible will install an entire new stock of Gent's, Ladies and Children's footwear in the Fraker building. In the meantime every pair of shoes now in stock will be offered for sale at prices unheard of in Central Michigan.

The store is now closed and the stock being arranged preparatory to opening the doors to the public

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, AT 8:30 A. M.

Not one pair of shoes now in stock will be offered for sale until 8:30 on the day of opening.

Every pair of shoes now in this stock (which comprises many of the best makes on the market) must be sold before the arrival of our new stock. If it is footwear you want get busy and secure your first choice Saturday morning next.

David E. Brackett

Alma, Michigan.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Modern 8-room house, State St. Also 9-room house with barn, 634 Wright Ave. G. M. DELAVAN.

Alma defeated Mt. Pleasant on their own grounds Tuesday 4 to 1. Allen was in fine form and pitched a two hit game. The Republics secured 13 hits off Nelson.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend to the kind friends and neighbors our heartfelt thanks for the many kindnesses and assistance given us during our bereavement and also the choir and the minister for his words of consolation. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Veeder, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Veeder, Mr. and Mrs. William Veeder, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Miller, Mr. and Mrs. James Edwards.

CARD OF THANKS

The Pastor and members of the First Baptist Church wish to express their appreciation to the Alma Fire Department for its efficient work in saving their church building from destruction by fire during the heavy electrical storm which occasioned it last Monday night; and es-

pecially for so well directing its efforts that none of the stained glass windows were broken.

We also wish to thank our brethren of other denominations who have so kindly tendered the use of their houses of worship pending repairs to our building. We have accepted the invitation of the United Brethren and expect to hold our services there until further notice.

J. W. Priest, Pastor.

M. Louise Hood, Church Clerk.

TO USERS OF ELECTRIC LIGHT

The severe electrical storm of Monday night, August 17, burned out our largest dynamo, leaving us with an emergency machine capable of carrying about half our maximum load. We are, therefore, compelled to ask our patrons to use a minimum number of lights during reconstruction, which will be pushed as rapidly as possible. We sincerely regret the inconvenience to our patrons and the necessity of this notice, but a failure to comply with it will compel us to shut off one or more circuits. "A half loaf is better than no bread."

Alma Grain & Lumber Co. Electric Department.

ARCADE FARMER'S CLUB PICNIC

The annual Farmer's Club Picnic will be held Tuesday August 25 at Dick Anderson's Grove, 1 mile west and 3 1/2 S. of Alma. Every lady has been asked to bring one lemon and one cup of sugar in addition to their picnic basket. A program promising a lively day for both old and young has been arranged.

An invitation is extended to all.

Mrs. G. Peck.
Mrs. G. Frisk.
Mrs. F. Cliae.
Mrs. A. Miller
Committee.

MONTCALM CO. PICNIC

Another Pontine reunion was held Sunday August 16, at the home of Albert Pontine, 320 Gratiot Avenue, the occasion being Mrs. Pontine's 60th birthday. All her children were home and a very enjoyable time was reported.

Albert Maier Sundayed in Saginaw. Miss Uva Creech of Forest Hill spent last week with Mrs. Howard Lake attending the Chautauqua.

Mrs. Mabel Lake Coleman spent Wednesday and Thursday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lake.

The Homesteaders and Pioneers of Montcalm Co. will hold their annual picnic at Rock Lake, Aug. 27, 1914.

Persons who do not wish to prepare picnic dinner can procure a warm dinner for 25c. served in the grove by the Rock Lake Aid Society Ladies.

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